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we get angry all the time, all of us, from different incidences, a parking space, somebody cutting in on us in traffic, just in the front, Senator Chambers said a glare can set something off. Having a gun there at your side for that moment when your anger all of a sudden gets out of control, and pulling that gun out and taking aim and thinking you'll deal with the problem, only causes more problems, in my view. I don't think we want to allow further access and easier access to handguns. I think the funny stories can remind us that, you know, accidents happen. But it's the sad stories, though, are the ones that I think should break our hearts. And it's those stories that I am feeling we need to have fewer of, not more of. And although we don't allow for concealed weapons in this state now, the fact that we allow guns in the home,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...we have to use that experience to tell us again many of these stories that Royko had are from the home, where individuals have guns and carelessly shot and did accidental damage as a result. But a study, and I'll be passing this out, from 1993 shows people who keep guns at home nearly triple their chances of being murdered, usually by friends or relatives. The risks of keeping guns in the home substantially outweigh the potential benefits in terms of safety. Now we allow guns in the home, we do it because we think that that will help people keep safe. But, as this study will indicate, chances are more likely that tragedy will occur, not less. Now you let the gun onto concealed weapons and individuals walking the streets, and I think exactly the same result will be there, that instead of being safer it will be more dangerous. So I will rise in opposition to the bill and hope that we take a different direction than this bill does. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Members of the Legislature, would like to recognize some guests of Senator Cudaback from Cozad. Under the north balcony we have Gerald and Ila Davenport. Could you please stand and be recognized. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, since Senator Wesely was talking about accidents, let me kind of follow up on that a little bit. He took a humorous kind of vein